

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision have their stations air an anti-Kerry documentary just before the election is a striking example of how a media conglomerate can engage in partisan politics and effectively influence a presidential election.

This is a grave danger to our democracy, since Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when such a large company controls the federally-regulated airwaves, we, the public are subjected to an agenda dictated by a single ownership group, not by that which is represented by the diversity of our own local communities.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.